Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 21 (cancelled)

Claim 22. (currently amended) A seal for a gas supply system ~~of metal, in particular for sealing an airbag conduit,~~ wherein~~,~~ ~~during operation,~~ the gas supply system has ~~a~~ an open, gas-conducting cross-section ~~and~~ defined by a wall of metal, and a seal defined by a flattened portion of the gas supply system and ~~wherein in the area which seals the cross-section of the gas supply system,~~ a layer of a plastically deformable material between sides of the flattened portion ~~is at least partially inserted and said area with the plastically deformable material present therein is~~ sealed in a gas-tight manner, ~~characterized in that~~ and wherein, in an ~~the~~ area of the seal, the sides and the ~~plastically deformable material present therein~~ layer are mechanically interlaced one with the other.

Claim 23. (currently amended) The seal of claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said plastically deformable material is selected from the group consisting of metal, metal-organic compounds, metallic or metal-organic alloys, natural or synthetic polymers, ~~in particular~~ adhesives, natural or synthetic fibre materials, and combinations thereof ~~or a material consisting of a combination of at least two of the previously mentioned materials is inserted into the seal as said plastically deformable material~~.

Claim 24. (cancelled)

Claim 25. (currently amended) The seal of claim 22, characterized in that said layer of plastically deformable material fills ~~the whole of the~~ an entire cross-section enclosed by said wall of metal.

Claim 26. (previously presented) The seal of claim 22, characterized in that said layer of plastically deformable material is of a meltable alloy.

Claim 27. (previously presented) The seal of claim 22, characterized in that said layer of plastically deformable material becomes plastically deformable at a temperature not exceeding the melting-point of the metal of the gas supply system.

Claim 28. (currently amended) The seal of claim 23, characterized in that said layer of plastically deformable material is of metal~~, in particular of a copper alloy or a copper-organic alloy~~.

Claim 29. (previously presented) The seal of claim 23, characterized in that said layer of plastically deformable material is of a natural or synthetic plastic which, after insertion and during or directly with gas-tight bonding of the plastically deformable material with the metal of the gas supply system, expands towards the wall of the gas supply system.

Claim 30. (previously presented) The seal of claim 23, characterized in that said layer of plastically deformable material is a natural or a synthetic adhesive forming an

adhesive bond with the wall during or after the gas-tight bonding of the adhesive with the wall of the gas supply system.

Claim 31. (currently amended) The seal of claim 23, characterized in that said layer of plastically deformable material~~, which is inserted into the wall of the seal,~~ is shaped as a film.

Claim 32. (currently amended) The seal of claim 22, characterized in that said layer of plastically deformable material has a thickness of about 0.05 to 5 mm~~, preferably of 0.2 to 2 mm~~.

Claim 33. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a seal for a gas supply system of metal, ~~in particular for sealing an airbag conduit,~~ comprising the steps of:

inserting a layer of a plastically deformable material in ~~the~~ an area to be sealed of the gas supply system of metal, mechanically deforming ~~the~~ a wall of the gas supply system ~~and if necessary of said layer of said plastically deformable material~~ until the wall of the gas supply system and said layer ~~of metal~~ lie flat against each other, and gas-tight sealing of said seal by a mechanical interlacing of said wall with said layer ~~ductile material, if necessary by at least partially heating the area of the gas supply system into which said layer of said plastically deformable material has been inserted~~.

Claim 34. (currently amended) The method of claim 33, characterized in that said layer ~~of metal~~ is heated until the ~~metal~~ material is plastically deformable and a gas-tight bond between the ~~metal~~ wall of the gas supply system and said layer ~~of metal~~ has been formed.

Claim 35. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, characterized in that an area into which said layer is inserted is ~~during the~~ at least ~~partial~~ partially heated and ~~heating of the area into which said layer of metal is inserted,~~ a mechanical pressure is exerted in this area.

Claim 36. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, characterized in that said layer of metal is heated by induction or resistance techniques.

Claim 37. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, characterized in that said layer of metal is of a solder material.

Claim 38. (previously presented) The method of claim 37, characterized in that said solder material is copper-based.

Claim 39. (currently amended) The method of claim 33, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said plastically deformable material is selected from the group consisting of natural or synthetic polymers, ~~in particular an~~ adhesive, natural or synthetic fibre materials, ~~in particular~~ paper~~, are used as said plastically deformable material~~ and combinations thereof.

Claim 40. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, characterized in that said layer of a plastically deformable material is a strip-shaped layer.

Claim 41. (currently amended) ~~The use of~~ The seal of claim 22, wherein the plastically deformable material is a solder alloy ~~solder alloys for making a seal of a gas supply system of metal according to claim 22~~.

Claim 42. (currently amended) ~~The use of solder alloys for carrying out a method according to claim 33~~ The method of claim 33, wherein the plastically deformable material is a solder alloy.

Claim 43 (new) The method of claim 33, wherein the mechanical deforming step also deforms the layer.